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ENMOD TREATY

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1. COUNSELORS OF UK AND FRG EMBASSIES WERE CALLED IN JULY
31 AND GIVEN MATERIAL ANALOGOUS TO CONTENTS OF REF (A),
TAILORED IN EACH CASE TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS
EMBASSIES HAD CONVEYED REGARDING EARLIER VERSION OF

U.S. DRAFT ENMOD TREATY. BESIDES QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE PUT BY JAPANESE, ADDITIONAL ELEMENT THAT HAD BEEN RAISED BY BOTH UK AND FRG WAS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FORMULATION IN US DRAFT, WHICH CONFINES TREATY COVERAGE TO ENMOD TECHNIQUES HAVING "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING (BEGIN UNDERLINE) OR (END UNDERLINE) SEVERE EFFECTS," AND ARTICLES 33 (3) AND 48 BIS OF DRAFT PROTOCOL I TO 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION, WHICH REFER TO MEANS OF WARFARE CAUSING "WIDESPREAD, LONG-TERM (BEGIN UNDERLINE) AND (END UNDERLINE) SEVERE DAMAGE."

2. WITH REGARD TO THIS QUESTION BOTH COUNTRIES WERE TOLD THAT WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME OVERLAP IN LANGUAGE TN THE TWO INSTRUMENTS, THEY ARE BASICALLY DESIGNED FOR

DIFFERENT PURPOSES. U.S. DRAFT TREATY WOULD DEAL WITH THE USE, AS WEAPONS, OF TECHNIQUES FOR RELEASING OR MODIFYING NATURAL FORCES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WHILE PROPOSED PROTOCOL I WOULD DEAL WITH ALL CONVENTIONAL MEANS OF WARFARE CAUSING A CERTAIN DEGREE OF DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. US, EMBOFFS WERE TOLD, IS CONTINUING TO REVIEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO FORMULATIONS.

3. EMBOFFS WERE TOLD THAT US HOPED OUR RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WOULD ASSIST THEIR COUNTRIES IN PREPARING FOR CCD MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON ENMOD WHICH COMMENCES AUG 4. BOTH SAID THEY WOULD CONVEY US MATERIAL TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CCD DELS. IN THIS CONNECTION, UK COUNSELOR INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF US-USSR ENMOD TALKS AND WHETHER THEY MIGHT LEAD TO EARLY JOINT ACTION IN CCD. HE EXPRESSED SPECIFIC HOPE THAT COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATING ROLE WITH RESPECT TO WHATEVER DRAFT TREATY TEXT MIGHT BE TABLED. INGERSOLL

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